# **Special Issue**

# Maternal Stress: Contributors, Protective Factors, and Impacts across the Life Course

## Message from the Guest Editor

This Special Issue seeks review and original research articles showcasing empirical research that examines maternal stress over the life course, on topics including but not limited to:

- Multilevel contributors to maternal stress over the life course, such as childhood and adolescent trauma, experiences of racism and other forms of discrimination, social isolation, and social determinants of health, specifically for women of color and individuals with intersectional vulnerable identities.
- Impacts of maternal stress over the life course, including long-term physical, behavioral, social and psychological health outcomes for mothers and offspring, particularly among individuals of color and intersectional vulnerable identities.
- Protective factors over the life course, such as personal characteristics, social support, and community resources, that potentially reduce women's exposure to or help them cope with stress before and during pregnancy.
- Measurement of maternal stress and resilience using a life course approach.

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